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- 1. DEPT RECORDS INDICATE THAT 76 STATE 297324 AND 76 BUCHAREST 7454 ADDRESSED QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL. ROMANIAN LAW, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLES 2 AND 4 OF DECREE 377 (ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION OF STATE NOTARIES) PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL BULLENTIN OF 10/20/60, PROHIBITS TAKING OF DEPOSITIONS OF ROMANIAN NATIONALS BY FOREIGN OFFICIALS IN ROMANIA. THAT FUNCTION IS EXCLUSIVELY RESERVED TO STATE NOTARIES AND COURTS.
- 2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, EMBASSY NOT AUTHORIZED TO TAKE DEPOSITION OF ROMANIAN NATIONAL.
- 3. AS ACCOMMODATION EMBASSY MAY SUGGEST TO WITNESS THAT SHE COULD TAKE QUESTIONS TO A LOCAL NOTARY AND EXECUTE THE QUESTIONS BEFORE SUCH NOTARY. THE LOCAL NOTARY'S SIGNATURE COULD THEN BE AUTHENTICATED BY THE EMBASSY. UNCLASSIFIED

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4. EMBASSY IS CORRECT THAT TESTIMONY IN DESPOSITION CASES SHOULD ONLY BE RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT THROUGH CHANNELS FOR TRANSMISSION TO APPROPRIATE CLERK OF COURT IN US. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, IF PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 UNDERTAKEN, THAT DOCUMENT, ONCE IT IS AUTHENTICATED MAY BE RETURNED TO WITNESS, WHO MAY IN TURN PROVIDE IT TO

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